MR. E. G. SALTER: The question of Government taking action under the powers vested under the Motor Vehicles Act is under consideration.

Charge per mile fixed by the Transport Department.

115. ***MR. K. R. NARAYANAN** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state the charge fixed per mile for the Express Bus?

MR. E. G. SALTER: 1 Ch. per mile (approximately.)

MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Devicolam*): The distance between Alwaye and Kothamangalam is 22 miles and the rate is Re. 1-14-0. According to the answer, the rate should be only Chs. 22. But now the charge is double that. May I know the reason for the same?

MR. E. G. SALTER: The express fares are purposely arranged to discourage intermediate traffic.

Through tickets issued by the Transport Department.

116. ***MR. K. R. NARAYANAN:** Will the Government be pleased to state whether through tickets are issued for the ordinary bus in the Trivandrum-Kottayam line; and if not, the reason thereof?

MR. E. G. SALTER: No. There is no through service between Trivandrum and Kottayam by the ordinary bus.

Medical aid in Todupuzha.

117. ***MR. P. M. VARGHESE** (*Minachil* cum *Todupuzha*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware of their declared policy that medical aid will be supplied within every six miles radius; and

(*b*) whether that policy has been ever applied in Todupuzha taluk which is the most malarial in the State?

DR. S. JOHN: (*a*) No such policy has been declared.

(*b*) This question does not therefore arise.

Parur Government Hospital.

118. ***MR. E. K. MADHAVAN** (*Kunnatnad* cum *Parur*): Will the Government be pleased to state the number of sanctioned beds in the Government Hospital, Parur and the number of inpatients at present accommodated in the hospital?

DR. S. JOHN:

Number of beds	...	46
Number of inpatients now accommodated	...	80

MR. E. K. MADHAVAN: May I know how this increasing number of persons is accommodated in the hospital?

DR. S. JOHN: They are put on the floor

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